

NEW YORK JOYOUS AS SANTA BEAMS INTO EVERY NOOK

Thousands Gather to See Public Trees Lighted and Hear Carols Sung.

OLD FATHER KNICK SEES NONE IS HUNGRY

If the Prince of Peace found no welcome in Europe this Christmas, on this side of the water his day was ushered in with mutual amity and merriment, light hearted giving, feasting and good cheer. The poverty that stalked abroad even in this country last Christmas wasn't visible yesterday. The stores were crowded with buyers, and few are the mouths that will not be filled with a good dinner and rare the child who won't receive at least one present to-day.

To be sure some of the dinners and presents are bestowed by what is called charity, but to-day doesn't seem like charity, it is just the outpouring of the season's good will.

It was precisely half past 5 o'clock when Christmas began for New York city, for at that hour the six trees of light, one in Madison Square, one in City Hall Park, one at Columbus Circle, one in Chelsea Park, one at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine and one at John Jay Park, opened their thousands of red, white and blue eyes upon the dusk of the evening. The biggest tree, a giant spruce from New Jersey, seventy feet tall and so wide branched that it took 4,000 bulbs to light it, stood in Madison Square. At least 3,000 persons, men and women and little children, were waiting when at 5:30 the Christmas lights, flashing down from the top of the Metropolitan Tower, told that the celebration was about to begin.

Called by Trumpeters. The five pointed star shone out from the topmost branch of the great tree. Four trumpeters, garbed in white and gold, mounted the stand that had been erected for the singers and sent their call to the south, to the west, to the north and to the east. There was an answering fanfare from the steps of Dr. Charles Parkhurst's church across the way, and then came the procession of the carol singers, led by them, led by the trumpeters and marching along the lane in the crowd made by the staves of a score of Boy Scouts.

As they came they sang Mendelssohn's "Adeste Fideles" (Oh come, all ye faithful). They sang it to the accompaniment of "Glee" and "Ave" from the crowd, for the tree was flashing into light—first the lower branches, then upward the waves of color ran till the whole tree was ablaze. Then the chorus sang "Christmas Eve" and "Carol of the Bells." Haydn's "Silent Night," "Good King Wenceslas," "God Rest You, Merry Gentlemen" and "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

It was a different sort of a crowd, a poorly dressed crowd, but with a cheerful one, that came and went all day at the Astor Market, Broadway and Ninety-fifth street. There were women laundresses, charwomen, working women of the more poorly paid class, who came to get the Christmas dinner that "Nelson" had prepared for them at Bellevue Hospital Social Service Bureau. One thousand dinners were given out and good dinners they were. Each included two young fowls, four potatoes, a pound of butter, a pound of coffee, a pound of tea, sugar, a can of condensed milk, a can of tomatoes, a pound of rice, a quart of cranberries, a pound of figs, a pound of raisins, a box of cake and two loaves of bread.

Only the Best Given. Mr. Astor wanted to give turkeys, but without turkey, turkey was not to be had. But Miss Wadley, head of the Social Service Bureau, told him that few tenement houses had stoves big enough for a turkey and two chickens would be better. Each child carried a market for an hour about 2 o'clock and watched the distribution after being saluted by the twelve Boy Scouts, who were there to assist the children, women with their bundles, etc. Mr. Astor appeared to enjoy it immensely.

"If you were doing it over again," he asked Mrs. Teresa Nason of the Social Service Bureau, who was in charge, "would you buy better things?"

"We couldn't," said Mrs. Nason with emphasis. "We bought the very best food in the market upstairs, paying the highest prices."

Some of the women came from a long distance, from the lower East Side and even from Brooklyn. Each carried a ticket given by the Social Service Bureau at Bellevue. Some didn't have care and were provided with that by Mr. Astor, through the bureau.

That wasn't the only place where dinners were given out. James J. Hagan, Democratic leader of the Fifteenth Assembly District, and Santa Claus Committee, was Santa Claus to the poor of his district. At the Amsterdam Democratic clubhouse, in West Sixty-third street, last evening he distributed more than two thousand gifts. His captains made a canvass last week, finding out the needy families, and each received a pound turkey and all the trimmings for a holiday dinner. There was a Christmas tree at the clubhouse, and every one of the hundreds of children there received some useful article, a suit of clothes, an overcoat, shoes, and toys, books and candies.

Representative George W. Loft distributed five thousand basket dinners to the poor of the Thirteenth Congressional District. Seven hundred children and their mothers from the downtown districts are being looked after by the Five Points Mission, which is having a Christmas party at 129 West street, with such useful presents as blankets, scarves, skirts, shoes, and toys and sweets and fruit for the little ones.

City Wards Not Forgotten. The poor in the city institutions are not forgotten by Father Knickerbocker, who can play Santa Claus on occasion. It was announced by Charles Commissioner Knickerbocker yesterday that every ward of the city, man, woman and child, will to-day see a Christmas tree, receive a present and eat a Christmas dinner. The generosity of private individuals and societies makes this possible.

At the Metropolitan Hospital on Blackwell's Island there will be two Christmas trees. At Sea View Hospital for the Tubercular every patient will hang up his or her stocking and there is to be a programme of songs, etc. The festive children on Randall's Island, Kings County Hospital, Greenpoint Hospital, and the rest of the institutions, including about 15,000 wards of New York, will all be visited by Santa Claus.

Commissioner of Correction Katharine R. Davis gave the most splendid presents of all—paroles. She handed out thirty-two of these surprises to prisoners of the reformatory at Hart's Island. Three of the men had been

transferred from Blackwell's Island, eight were at work at the New Hampton Farm Colony and the rest were ordinary prisoners at Hart's Island. Another lucky man was Matt DeFranco of Brooklyn, who was serving a sentence for carrying a concealed weapon, but who was released and his fine remitted by Judge Norman S. Elks at the solicitation of Commissioner Davis.

Of course the newboys are going to eat their fill of "toke" and trimmings today at the "House of the Children's Aid Society, at 14 Chambers street. There will be open house there all day, music and other amusements in the evening, and at 6 o'clock a meal beginning with Maryland turkey and Virginia ham, and leading up through various delicacies to ice cream, mince pie, nuts and candy. Five hundred boys will feast. The Children's Aid Society is giving Christmas entertainments and dinners in all of its many schools, and assisted by the Red Star Society, of which Mrs. A. N. Palmer is president, is presenting red bags filled with gifts to thousands of little ones.

The pickaninies of San Juan Hill are to have a Christmas tree at noon at the church of the Rev. George Sims. Miss Rosalie Jones of 53 East Fifty-sixth street has been gathering presents and hundreds of pickaninies will be made happy.

And the trees of light, in the various parks, will not go out with Christmas Day, but will shine every night until dawn for a week. Every evening there will be special programmes, particularly at Madison Square. To-night in this square a Christmas fantasy, written for the occasion will be enacted by the players of Stuart Walker's Portmanteau Theatre. Last night at the tree in Chelsea Park little Miss Susan Fris of 435 West Twenty-eighth street recited "Twas the Night Before Christmas," which more than a quarter of a century ago was written by another Chelsea neighbor, Clement Clarke Moore. The music last night at City Hall Park celebration was provided by W. R. Heart.

Following its old custom the Society of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of the city of New York distributed \$2,000 among New York charities, including the New York Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor, the Presbyterian Hospital, St. John's Guild, St. Joseph's Hospital, St. Francis's Hospital, St. Vincent's Hospital, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Home for the Aged, and Mother Lathrop's Home for Incurable Cancer.

The Santa Claus Association announced last night that it had sent Santa Claus to 50,000 children, 16,000 families, in Greater New York.

HUNGRY FOLK MADE GLAD.

Two Old Brothers Are Found by Their Neighbors.

The helpless condition of two brothers, David and Joseph Brown, 62 and 52 years old, in a room they occupied in a rear house at 139 Ten Eyck street, Williamsburg, was reported yesterday to the police of the Stagg street station by neighbors.

An investigation disclosed that Joseph Brown was once in good circumstances but lost everything through real estate speculation. The brothers had been destitute for several months and had disposed of their belongings, even a valuable violin, to obtain food.

Neighbors sent an ambulance call to St. Catherine's Hospital and after the brothers were treated Joseph was taken to the Kings County Hospital.

The police also found in the same building Hugh Garmon, 66 and his wife, Sarah, 62, starving and ill. Both were attended by the ambulance surgeon and supplied with food. They had had no nourishment for several days.

TRUCK KILLS XMAS PLANNER.

Child Run Over on Way Home With Holiday Wreaths.

Nicola Cania, six-year-old son of Joseph Cania, who runs a coal cellar, was killed last night when he was run over by a heavy motor truck of the Motor Haulage Company, driven by Joseph Bellahoussey of 65 Manhattan street, as he crossed Eighth avenue and 135th street. The truck, which was loaded with coal, passed over the child's chest. When he was picked up immediately he was dead. The child was crushed under the little body, but the hand still clutched the wreaths.

Witnesses said that the child had become lost and had run from his home in the truck before the driver could apply the brakes. The driver was not served with a summons.

CAROLS SUNG BY MARCHERS.

Mrs. Edison in Charge of West Orange Celebration.

West ORANGE, N. J., Dec. 24.—With Mrs. Thomas A. Edison in charge several hundred children of West Orange marched in small groups down the mountain side tonight carrying lighted lanterns and singing carols. The children were dressed in windows by residents to indicate their desire for Christmas music. The young folks stopped at a large hall where the paths converged to the Fairmount school, where in the open air a huge Christmas tree was lighted and the chorus, led by a cornetist, sang familiar Yuletide hymns.

It was a community gathering arranged by the West Orange Improvement League, of which Mrs. Edison is president. Mrs. Edison planned the affair to encourage the religious spirit in the holiday.

BANK PAYS BIG BONUSES.

Central Trust Gives Employees 50 Per Cent. of Salaries.

Appreciation of faithful service has been on a more generous scale in the financial district at this season than for some years past. A good many Wall Street institutions of various sorts have placed their year end disbursements to officers and employees on a basis of salary increases, but the custom of giving a bonus is less honored withal.

The financial year has been profitable is proved by the distributions which are now being reported. One of the largest has been made by the Central Trust Company. The encouragement of loyalty which the company has practised by the liberal treatment of its organization is illustrated by the allowance of a bonus of 50 per cent. on the salaries of all its employees. The president, James N. Wallace, is understood to have received a substantial recognition from the trustees.

SANTA VISITS SUICIDE'S BOY.

Father Used Toy Money to Buy Revolver, but Aid Is Prompt.

Even though August Bartel, discouraged and out of work, killed himself yesterday with a revolver purchased with \$3 intended for toys for his son Steven, 9 years old, the youngster's stockings will be bulging with presents this morning.

Bartel's father lost his job as a plasterer two months ago. His mother, Mary, has been working recently as a cigar maker at \$11 a week to support the family, and she had \$3 saved. This she gave to her husband to buy toys for Steven, but the man got a revolver and ended his life in Central Park.

Two men who read the pitiful story in THE EVENING SUN each sent to this SUN \$2 for toys for Steven. The gifts were ordered and were delivered to a special box at 512 East Seventy-first street. Each donor concealed his identity, giving credit only to Santa Claus.

TRUMPETERS PEAL THE NOTE WHICH CALLS WORSHIPPERS TO OLD ST. PAUL'S CHAPEL



Singing "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" in front of St. Paul's Chapel yesterday.

Just as the clock in the tower of historic old St. Paul's Chapel, at Broadway and Vesey street, struck noon yesterday two trumpeters appeared on the porch and sounded a call.

Behind them came the choir. The

hurryings throngs in Broadway stopped

to hear the Christmas message, which

was delivered by the choir, "Adeste

Fideles," "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing,"

"The First Noel" and other old familiar

Christmas carols carried the Christian

message to the crowd, which was never

larger in all the years St. Paul's has

been holding open air Christmas meet-

ings.

Hundreds of passersby stopped to

listen to the familiar strains of the

music, and judging by the solemnity

with which the singing was heard the

choral service was welcome.

St. Paul's has conducted choral ser-

VICES similar to the one of yesterday for

many years, each year the service being

at noon of the day before Christmas.

The Consolidated Exchange went in

for an ambitious programme. The floor

was decorated with Christmas greens

and the Twenty-second Regiment Band

played. After the close of the exchange

Johnny Hoey led the grand march. Sel-

dore Sagan, who in off hours from sell-

ing stocks on the exchange, has built up

a reputation as a composer, led the

band. The 200 employees of the ex-

change received one month's pay each.

Last year they got nothing. The offi-

cials, however, were not so generous. Ex-

changed compliments with the San Fran-

cisco exchange by wire.

On the Cotton Exchange \$4,000 was

distributed among 130 employees.

GOOD CHEER BY WIRELESS.

Secretary Daniels Sends Christmas

Message to Warships.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Secretary

Daniels sent the following Christmas

message by wireless to ships of the navy

in the various ports of the world:

"Voicing the national spirit, I send

Christmas greetings to the American

navy from the American people."

With the exception of the vessels in

Mexican waters, those in the Mediter-

anean and those at stations in the Far

East, the warships are now at their

home yards for the holidays. As far as

possible the enlisted men and officers

have been given Christmas leave until

January 3, when they will rejoin their

ships preparatory to the winter practice

cruise to Guantanamo, which starts Jan-

uary 6.

THE FUND WANTS TO INCREASE THIS

NUMBER TO 150,000 PAIRS AND IS SOLICITING

ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS, WHICH SHOULD

BE SENT TO THE TREASURER'S OFFICE, 15

BROAD STREET.

Treasurer Clews Appeals for More

to Aid Belgian Children.

Henry Clews, treasurer of the Chris-

mas Dollar Fund, announced yesterday

that the fund had received more than

\$20,000 this week, including \$5,000 from

L. C. Phillips of Denver and \$1,000 from

Miss J. C. Givens of the city. More

\$80,000 has been received so far, as a

result of which 120,000 pairs of shoes

will be distributed among destitute Bel-

gian children.

The fund wants to increase this num-

ber to 150,000 pairs and is soliciting

additional contributions, which should

be sent to the treasurer's office, 15

Broad street.

DREADNOUGHT TARS TO FEAST CHILDREN

The New York in Brooklyn

Yard in Gay Attire for 100

Poor Little Ones.

DANIELS SENDS PRAISES

For the first time in many years the

Christmas Day services at St. Patrick's

Cathedral began this morning at mid-

night with the celebration of solemn high

mass, which was sung by the Right Rev.

Mgr. M. J. Lavelle, V. G., rector of the

cathedral. The Rev. J. Byrne was mas-

ter of the ceremonies in the sanctuary.

Special prayers for peace were read.

At midnight, when mass began, every

pew was crowded. About three thou-

sand persons were inside the church and

almost as many could not get in to par-

ticipate in the services. Inspector Ho-

land and about twenty-five men from

the East First street station were pre-

sent to handle the crowds outside the

building. Many of those who were dis-

appointed waited until the services were

ended, but most of them went home soon

after midnight.

The music was by a quartet assisted

by the Cathedral College Choir and the

Cathedral Boys' Choir under the direc-

tion of John J. O'Connor, chorale

master of the cathedral. The musical

programme was:

Processional, "Hark the Herald Angels"

Mendelssohn

Prophet of the Mass, "Adeste Fideles,"

Novello

Offertory, "Adeste Fideles," Novello

Postlude, "Adeste Fideles," Novello

Communion, "Adeste Fideles," Novello

At the Presentation, "Hallelujah Chorus,"

Handel

Recessional hymn, "Wonderful Night,"

Postlude, "Pastorale" (from the Chris-

mas Grail), Schumann and organ, Bach

An unusual service, known as "the

night workers service," was an annual

feature at St. Paul's Chapel of Trinity

parish. It was a service for the

Christmas morning with an organ volun-

tary when the doors are thrown open to

all those who will attend. The altar

lights are burning brilliantly and the

chancel candles are filled with light.

The chapel itself is beautifully

decorated with evergreens. Many of

those who attend this service are the

hungry and homeless.

JUDGE IS SNUGLERS' SANTA.

One Day Sentence for the Per-

gias, Who Pleaded Guilty.

"This does not appear to be an

aggravated case, and, besides, to-mor-

row's a Christmas," said Judge Julius

M. Mayer in the United States District

court yesterday in sentencing Angelo

Pietro Perugia and his wife, Marie, to

spend a day in the custody of United

States Marshal McCarthy for violating

the customs laws and the contract

labor laws. Judge Mayer imposed an

added penalty of \$500 on the man.

They were charged with declaring

liberally brought by them from Paris for

customers here as their personal effects

and in this way defrauding the Govern-

ment of \$1,600 in customs duties. After

their arrest, however, they paid \$2,100

in settlement of the civil suits brought to

recover the duties.

PARTY FOR WHITMAN CHILDREN

Governor Lays Aside Official Cares

for Day at Home.

ALBANY, Dec. 24.—Gov. Whitman is

to spend Christmas with his family.

The little Whitmans, Olive and Charles,

Jr., will have a Christmas tree the

first for Charles, Jr. The Governor

has made no plan which will interfere

with his enjoyment of the day with his

youngsters.

The Executive Mansion is to be turned

over to little Olive during the after-

noon, when she will entertain about

eighty of her young Albany friends.

Children from every part of the city,